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Docket No. AUS9-2000-0449-US1

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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For: **A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UPDATING NEW VERSIONS OF
FIRMWARE IN THE BACKGROUND**

Enclosed are also:

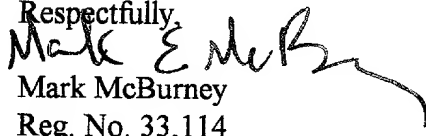
X 16 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
X 8 Pages of Claims
X 3 Sheet(s) of Drawings
X A Declaration and Power of Attorney
X Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

CLAIMS AS FILED

FOR	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee (\$710)
Total Claims	36	-20 = 16	X \$ 18	= \$ 288.00
Independent Claims	6	-3 = 3	X \$ 80	= \$ 240.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	0		X \$260	= \$
Total Filing Fee				= \$1,238.00

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